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R 161605Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9983
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
AMEMBASSY BANJUL
AMEMBASSY BISSAU
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO & T, A/FBO AND AF/EX;
NAIROBI FOR RSS AND RTC

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: LOBBY CONTROLS - PROGRAM TO COMBAT TERRORISM

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1. IN AUGUST 1977, RSO OBTAINED POST CONCURRENCE FROM BOTH NIAMEY AND BAMAKO TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING RENOVATION PLANS FOR THE LOBBY AREAS CONFORMING WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS CONCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM. SUBSEQUENTLY, TENTATIVE PROPOSALS FOR OTHER POSTS WERE INITIATED AND ARE NOW AT VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION. TO USE THE WORD "PROGRESS" IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DESCRIBING THE MOVEMENT IN GENERAL WOULD BE AN OVER-STATEMENT.

2. RSO HAS NOW LEARNED THAT THE NIAMEY PROPOSAL, THE INITIAL PROJECT, WILL BE COMPLETELY REWORKED. THE IMPULSIVE REACTION WAS ONE OF DISCOURAGEMENT; IN RETROSPECT, IT IS PROBABLY FOR THE BEST AS IT AFFORDS US THE

OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN FLAG OUR BASIC PROBLEM: WE NEED HELP.

3. IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT RELIABLE, COMPETENT CONTRACTORS ARE A RARE BREED IN WEST AFRICA. IF WE ARE TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PRODUCT (AESTHETICS AND SECURITY IN THE END), WE NEED ON-SITE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. A FEW OF THE PROPOSALS THUS FAR INVOLVE MORE THAN JUST CHANGES TO THE LOBBY AREA. FOR EXAMPLE: (1) RSO BELIEVES THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO JOIN THE TWO BUILDINGS, THE AID FACILITY AND THE CHANCERY, AT NIAMEY; (2) THE BAMAKO PROPOSAL INVOLVES RENOVATING THE ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR; AND (3) THE NOUAKCHOTT PROPOSAL CALLS FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

4. RSO RECOMMENDS THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM A/FBO AND COMMERCIAL PLASTICS (IF POSSIBLE) VISIT SOME OF THE POSTS (IF NOT ALL), NAMELY ACCRA, BAMAKO, CONAKRY, DAKAR, MONROVIA, NIAMEY AND NOUAKCHOTT. RSO/TSO ABIDJAN WOULD PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY THE REPRESENTATIVES. A/SY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOME.

5. THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO PLACE A BLAME ON ANY ONE SECTION OR OFFICE FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS. IT IS MERELY AN AVENUE FOR EXPRESSING ANOTHER FORM OF CONTINUED COOPERATION.
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